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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thierry CHAPUS et al.
Serial No.: 09/780,418
Filed: February 12, 2001
Title: PROCESS AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING A PLURALITY OF CATALYTIC BEDS IN SERIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LOW SULPHUR GAS OIL

Allowed: February 24, 2004
Confirmation No.: 8123
Examiner: Walter Dean Griffin
Group Art Unit: 1764

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182 TO EXPEDITE
PROCESSING OF ATTACHED PETITION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This petition is to expedite the processing of the attached Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Foreign Priority Claim Under 37 C.F.R. §1.55(c). Applicants are respectfully requesting the expeditious processing of this Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Foreign Priority Claim because the Issue Fee of the above-referenced application is due 14 December 2004. Consequently, Applicants would like to receive a decision on the Foreign Priority Claim Petition prior to paying this fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee and/or any other fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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